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OBJECTION TO REPORT ON GENOCIDE

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- 1. AT MARCH 6 SESSION OF HRC TURK DEL LAUNCHED WELL-PRE-PARED ATTACK ON RAPPORTEUR'S REFERENCE TO THE MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS AS "FIRST CASE OF GENOCIDE IN THE 20TH CENTURY" IN HIS INTERIM REPORT ON THE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE. SIX DELS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF TURK POSITION THAT OFFENDING REFERENCE SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. FRENCH DEL RAISED OBJECTION TO DELETION AS UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT.
- 2. US DEL SUPPORTED TURKISH PERREP'S CONTENTION THAT RAPPORTEUR HAD CITED ONLY SOURCES DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT FROM ARMENIAN SIDE AND HAD NOT INDICATED IN ANY WAY THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE EVENTS. US DEL ALSO SYMPATHIZED WITH TURKISH PERREP'S UNDENIABLE POINT THAT EVENTS CITED IN REPORT OCCURRED IN TOTALLY DIFFERENT HISTORICAL EPOCH. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDANCE REFTEL US DEL CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT RAPPOR-

TEUR SHOULD PRESENT BALANCED PICTURE OR NONE AT ALL. TURK DEL WARMLY THANKED US DEL FOR SUPPORT FOLLOWING OUR INTERVENTION.

3. DISCUSSION WAS CLOSED BY CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT THAT REMARKS MADE AS RECORDED IN SUMMARY RECORD WOULD BE BROUGHT TO RAPPORTEUR'S ATTENTION.
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